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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD OF REDUCING THE WALL THICKNESS OF A PTFE TUBE AND PRODUCT FORMED THEREBY

the specification of which: *(complete (a), (b) or (c))*

- (a) ☒ is attached hereto.
- (b) ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
☐ Serial No. 60/ \_\_\_\_\_ or  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above, and that the filing of said specification, if heretofore filed, was authorized by me.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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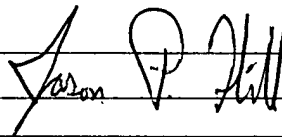
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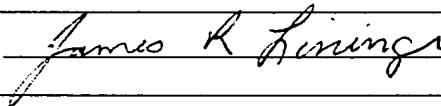
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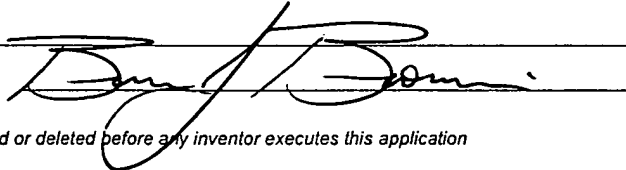
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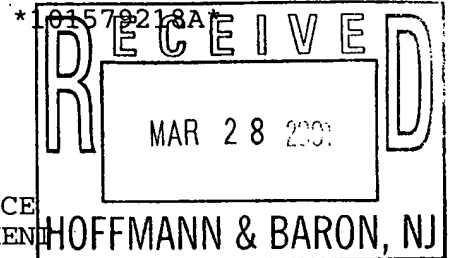
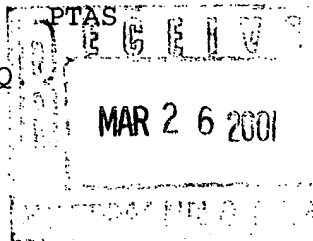


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**METHOD OF REDUCING THE WALL THICKNESS OF A PTFE TUBE**  
**AND PRODUCT FORMED THEREBY**

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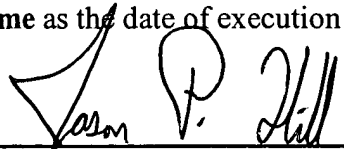
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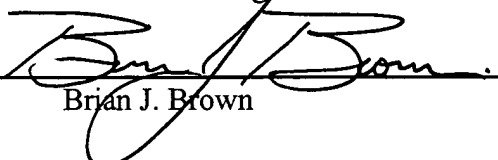
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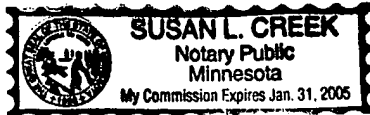
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